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MINUTES

Thursday, October 2, 2008 Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374-A

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

John Hybarger, Chairperson
Timothy Jones, Vice Chair
Sandra Aronberg

STAFF PRESENT

Janice A. Davis
Garen Khachian

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Brad Nuremberg

INVITED GUESTS

Hua Ling, MacArthur Recreation Coordinator, representing Los Angeles City Parks and Recreation and the Daniel Hernandez Youth Foundation; Brian Young, Fishing in the City Events Coordinator, State Department of Fish and Game

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hybarger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF JULY 10, 2008 MINUTES

On motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved the July 10, 2008 minutes with no changes.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Janice Davis, Commission Services reported the following:

The Board has adopted "Uniform Public Hearing Protocols" that will be applied to all County Commissions. The Public will be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Commission and more time may be allowed at the Chair's request.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Staff reported that the Fish and Game Commission fund balance is \$96,668.67. The Commission has approved \$15,150 in Grant requests not reflected in the fund balance. The fund balance including the approved Grant reductions is \$80,980.51.

On motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously received and filed the financial report.

PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY MR. RON BEASON, REPRESENTING U.S. SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE FOUNDATION, PERTAINING TO FUNDING FOR THE "TRAILBLAZER ADVENTURE PROGRAM" TO INTRODUCE NONTRADITIONAL FAMILIES TO AMERICA'S OUTDOOR HERITAGE

On motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved postponing the grant decision to a future meeting.

PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 TO PURCHASE CATFISH TO STOCK MACARTHUR PARK FOR THE MAY 2, 2009 "MACARTHUR YOUTH FISHING DERBY" AT MACARTHUR RECREATION CENTER SUBMITTED BY MS. HUA LING, REPRESENTING DANIEL HERNANDEZ YOUTH FOUNDATION

Ms. Hua Ling, MacArthur Recreation Center Coordinator, "Daniel Hernandez Youth Foundation" gave a presentation requesting a Grant of \$5,000 to stock catfish for the "MacArthur Youth Fishing Derby" event at MacArthur Recreation Center on May 2, 2009.

- The event will be held at MacArthur Recreation Center for primarily low-income families and will also be open to the community.
- The outreach program unites the community and creates a bond with the neighborhood children, friends and family, local business, as well as schools and law enforcement agencies.
- 150 to 200 participants are expected to attend the event this year.

Mr. Brian Young, State Department of Fish and Game gave the following report:

- For Fiscal Year 2008, the State Department of Fish and Game supported the "MacArthur Youth Fishing Derby" event and stocked the MacArthur Recreation Center with one thousand pounds of catfish. Unfortunately, due to local and State budget restrictions for Fiscal Year 2009, the State Department of Fish and Game and the City of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation will not be able to purchase the fish required for this public event.

On motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved a Grant request of \$2,500 to purchase catfish to stock MacArthur Park Lake for the May 2, 2009 “MacArthur Youth Fishing Derby” event.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME UPDATE – BRIAN YOUNG (FISHING IN THE CITY)

Mr. Brian Young, State Department of Fish & Game, distributed the “In Kind Summary 2007-2008 Report”, and then gave the following report:

- The State Department of Fish & Game submits the “In Kind Summary 2007-2008 Report” to the Federal Government each year. This report is used to support the justification for matching federal funds used for the State “Fishing in the City” program throughout Los Angeles County.
- In 2008, twenty-nine (29) “Fishing in the City” events were held, seventeen (17) of those events were held in Los Angeles County.
- For Fiscal Year 2007-2008, the total monies spent on Los Angeles County fishing events were \$161,607.
- The Los Angeles County Fish & Game Commission thanked the State Department of Fish & Game for their effort and continuing partnership with the County of Los Angeles.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Jones gave the following report:

- “Archery and Bow Hunting Season” as specified by the State “Fish and Game Code” has officially opened for the taking of certain big game species.
- A volunteer activity to reduce the amount of trash littered throughout the three forks of the San Gabriel River was implemented on Labor Day weekend, by providing trash bags, supplied by CalTrans and the U.S. Forest Service, to campers and visitors as they entered the canyon and at campsite locations.

Chair Hybarger gave the following report:

- The Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission have, for several years, expressed support for the implementation of the State Department of Fish and Game’s “Senior Volunteer Program” in Los Angeles County. Currently, the State is working to expand the program into Los Angeles County through the facilities at Castaic Lake which has volunteered as a home location for the Program.

- The seasonal Game Bird Heritage Hunts will take place in Los Angeles County at Peace Valley during November and December 2008. The recently newly named “Apprentice Hunts” are designed to provide a supervised hunting experience for new “Junior Hunters” and families which make application for the activity.
- New regulations regarding the use of “Lead Projectiles” in California Condor Range, state that projectiles (bullets) containing lead used for hunting deer, bear, wild pig, elk, pronghorn antelope, coyote, ground squirrels, and non game wildlife in the areas designated for California Condors is prohibited. The DFG has published a listing of specified non-toxic bullets which may be used by hunters. Hunters found using illegal bullets are subject to severe fines and penalties. The use of lead shot for upland game birds has been exempted from the restriction.
- Senate Bill 815, Assembly Member Berryhill Hunting or fishing: Local regulation. This bill provides that the state fully occupies the field of hunting and fishing. The bill would also provide that unless otherwise expressly authorized by the Fish and Game Code or other state or federal law, the commission and the department are the only entities that may adopt or promulgate regulations regarding the taking of fish and game on any lands or waters within the state. This bill has been vetoed by the Governor, but is expected to be reintroduced again in the new session.
- The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) will hold a “Stakeholders Sponsorship Organizational Group Meeting” on October 6 and 7, 2008 in El Segundo, California. The State Department of Fish and Game has hired a firm to provide public outreach and education information. Their spokesperson has been contacted by this Commission regarding a future meeting to provide an opportunity for Commission members and the public to become more familiar with the process and alternative outcomes being discussed and determined for the Southern California coastal area.
- Commissioner John Turner, El Dorado County Fish and Game Commissioner, is attempting to organize a “Statewide Commissioners Conference” to be held in 2009. If the effort is successful, this may reintroduce the previous conferences not held for the past few years. Support for the meetings have been expressed by the Department of Fish and Game and the “California Outdoor Heritage Alliance” a legislative support firm backed by several statewide hunting and fishing organizations.
- A “County Commission Study” was conducted by a consulting firm, and a copy of the draft report was sent to each Commissioner for review.
- Each Commissioner is asked to submit in writing the topics they will be discussing during the “Commissioner’s Report” prior to attending each Fish and Game Commission Meeting.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (To be Presented and Placed on the Agenda for a Future Meeting)

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Vice Chair Jones and seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice A. Davis
Commission Services Division